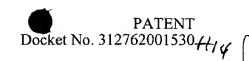
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action herein mailed 4 October 2000, time for response to which was set to expire 4 January 2001. A petition for an extension of time of three (3) months until 4 April 2001 in which to respond is attached hereto along with the required fee. The considered claims, claims 1-29 were rejected. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection and the following amendment and discussion are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested. Enclosed is the following Exhibit A:

Exhibit A: Marked-up Version of Amendments to Specification and Claims.

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